

Minutes for Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

Thursday, 3 November 2016

ATTENDANCE: Janice Agazio, Wanda Riddle, Michael Blum, Bob Gillette, Howard Mooney (chair), Chris Yates, Reg Avery, Alison Buckley, Jonathan Branch GUESTS: Ed Hall (Commander, American Legion Post 156), Craig Porterfield (new commission appointee), Joshua Gillette

Meeting called to order at 1904

OLD BUSINESS: October minutes were approved. Motion for approval made by Janice, seconded by Wanda. Future meeting dates; 1 December 2016, 5 January 2017, 2 February 2017.

Alison gave an update regarding the commission business cards. Commission members were asked by Howard to send information to Lisa about what you would like included on your business card.

The Veterans Resource Fair is scheduled at the Miller Library on Tuesday, 4 April. We need to think about what dignitaries will be there and who the keynote speaker will be.

Howard discussed the budget projections for the \$1000.00 that the commission is allotted by the county each year. Howard suggested that it could be used for flags, advertisements and the resource fair.

Howard also mentioned the veterans parking initiative at Howard High School for an Eagle Scout project.

Howard also asked the commission to name at least two focus areas to concentrate on.

Fundraising was mentioned as a part of the Veterans Monument project. Bob explained that the Howard County Veteran's Foundation Inc was formed, and they have applied for 501©3 status. Bob stated that the veteran's monument will be the foundation's first project. Bob also mentioned a veteran's luncheon given by the Chamber of Commerce

17 June 2017 is the Gala Kickoff for 100th Anniversary of Fort Meade

The Veterans Day Parade is a go, and will start at 1100

Letters of Appreciation were sent to our lawyers for their legal support concerning the Veterans Monument.

NEW BUSINESS: Veterans Day Activities: numerous Veterans Day Activities were discussed.

Howard suggested that the commission have a social activity after the 1 December meeting. Suggestions were, Kelsey's, Union Jacks, Glory Days, Eggspectations.....

American Legion Post 156 Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Catered by Mission Barbeque

The commission expressed support for the veterans' treatment court discussed at last month's meeting

Bob led a brief discussion regarding the Tax Credit that the county executive is proposing for veterans living in Howard County

Jonathan mentioned that he would not be present for the next commission meeting, and could someone else take notes.

VOTE

Meeting adjourned at 2010

Submitted by Jonathan K. Branch

